of Delhi that appeared in the Indian Express, dated 10.4.1990 under the caption 'Recruitment process to be revamped, 250 cops involved in criminal cases in Delhi Police';

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether any steps have been taken to weed out such anti-social elements from Delhi Police and the action taken against them under various sections of relevant Acts; if so, the details of the persons (i) dismissed (ii) suspended and (iii) prosecuted; and

(d) if no action has been taken, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) A study was conducted by a team headed by an Additional Commissioner of Police to ascertain the number of Delhi Police personnel, involved in criminal cases during 1988 and 1989, the procedure for verification of character and antecedents of the recruits and their performance and conduct during their training at the Training Institutes. Cases of 217 police personnel who were involved in various criminal cases were studied by the Committee. In 69 cases the police personnel were found to be involved in serious cases. In 122 cases criminal proceedings have been initiated.

Survey of Buildings lacking fire protection measures in Delhi

123. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any surevy has been made of commercial, industrial or residential premises to find out the lack of adequate safety measures for fire-protection in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what steps are being contemplated to prevent the recurrence of such incidents resulting in major loss of property and also loss to the exchequer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Action has been initiated to set up a separate fire prevention wing in Delhi Fire Service which would be entrusted with the task of creating public awareness in regard to fire safety in different occupancies.

Inclusion of Roads into National Highways in Rajasthan

124. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the exact existing length of national highways in Rajasthan; and

(b) whether Government of Rajasthan have sent proposals for the inclusion of roads into the national highways; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) 2931 Kms.

(b) Yes, Sir. The following proposals were received:

(i) Beawar - Pali - Sirohi-Kandia Port;

(ii) Bikaner-Nagaur-Ajmer-Kota-Shivpuri;

(iii) Ajmer- Bhilwara - Chittorgarh-Ratlam-Indore;

(iv) Gurganwa Alwar - Sariska-Dausa - Sawaimadhopur - Gwalior; and

(v) Link road from Dausa to Manoharpura.

Out of the above, the two roads indicated at (i) and (v) were declared as National Highways in February, 1989.

Communal incidents in Rajasthan

125. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total number of murders that took place in Rajasthan from December 1989 till 15th April, 1990 due to communal incidents; and

(b) what was the number of communal incidents that took place in Rajasthan during the year 1989-90 and how many people have been apprehended and punished for indulging in such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) On the basis of available information, 8 persons died in these incidents.

(b) 79 communal incidents took place in the year 1989. 12 incidents have taken place from 1st January, 1990 to 15th April, 1990.

The details of the persons arrested in these incidents have not become available. Data regarding punishment to rioters is not maintained.

Rules for Handicuffing of Undertrials

126. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the exact rules for handicuffing of undertrials; and

(b) what was the number of complaints received by Government from 1st January 1990 till March 1990 regarding handcuffing of undertrials and what action Government have taken to avoid such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) The legal sanction for police regulations to prescribe procedures for the use of handcuffs flows from section 49 of Cr. P.C. which stipulate the use of handcuffs or any other restraint on an accused person only to the extent which is required or is necessary.

(b) The 'Police' being a State subject, no such data on All-India Basis on handcuffing of undertrials is compiled by the Central Government. However, the Central Government have issued exhaustive guidelines regarding use of handcuffs to avoid any misuse of powers of handcuffing.

Tax Collection by NSCN Guerillas

127. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the National Socialist Council of Nagaland (NSCN) guerillas have launched a tax collection drive in the border of Manipur hill areas; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to avoid the harassment of the ordinary citizens?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The whole of Manipur stands declared as disturbed area under the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 to enable the army to undertake counter insurgency operations against undergrounds. Security forces deployed on anti-insurgency operations in the area have been alerted.

Revamping of Punjab Administration

128. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to revamp the present set-up of the Punjab Administration in view of recent activities of terrorists in the State;